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155/SYDOW

KASTELL

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SYDOW's reaction he said was equally typical for him. He absolutely bristled and flatly and categorically refused to work for some young upstart who had no experience and made his way only by shining up to the "DOKTOR", etc. KASTELL said that SYDOW had already chafed under the fact that he had had to work for BOELNER who was some few years younger than he is (about ten), but he most definitely refused to work for a man thirty years younger. KASTELL then characterized SYDOW for us a bit more. SYDOW, he said, was not very happy with the status of the world and particularly not with the fact that the Americans dominated Germany and specifically CATIE to the extent that they did. As a matter of fact, SYDOW never did like to come to liaison meetings; he did not like to have to, so to speak, knuckle under to the fact that the Americans could do more and had a larger and more efficient organization than the Germans, etc., etc. In fact, KASTELL said SYDOW had never quite forgiven UTILITY for making the decision in 1945 to throw himself at the mercy of the Americans; he would have preferred to work alone and clandestinely until things changed again. On the whole, without specifically saying so, KASTELL said SYDOW was very anti-American and did not enjoy meeting Americans. As stated above, SYDOW became rather enraged over the suggestion that he work for FLEISSING and very seriously doubted the wisdom of assigning FLEISSING to the job. This apparently became an issue again a day or so later in a general staff meeting of the CE section, whereupon KASTELL suggested to SYDOW that he go over to UTILITY and tell him about his misgivings, because UTILITY had made the assignment and if SYDOW found fault with the decision he should talk to the man who made it. This apparently was the end of that, and SYDOW will also go over to HERMANN Security shop. We did not discuss these matters in such clear continuity and sort of missed out on who is to replace SYDOW.

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